

## Lesson 2: Hand Evaluation & Opening

**Goren System:** High Card Points (HCP): A=4. K=3. Q=2, J=1

Length points: 1 pt. per card over 4 cards

Dummy Points: Doubleton=1, Singleton=3, Void=5

**Bidding Level:**

**7-Level > 37 pts.**

**6-Level > 33 pts.**

**5-Level > 29 pts.**

**3NT Or 4-Level > 26 pts.**

**2NT Or 3-Level > 23 pts.**

**1NT Or 2-Level > 20 pts.**

## Opening The Bidding:

### Balanced

4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2 (5-Card Minor)

2♣ ▶ 3NT 25-27 pts.

2♣ ▶ 2NT 22-24 pts.

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2NT 20-21 pts.

1♣/1♦ ▶ 2NT 18-19 pts.

1NT 15-17 pts.

1♣/1♦ ▶ 1NT 12-14 pts

### Unbalanced

5+ Major, 6+ Minor

**Strong Opening 2♣:** 21+ pts.(Forcing)

**Open at 1-level:** 12-20 pts

1♥/1♠ 5+ Cards (5 Card Majors)

1♣/1♦ 6+ Cards

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**Preempt at 2- or 3-level:** 6-11 pts.

2♦/2♥/2♠ 6 Cards

3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ 7 Cards

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**PASS** 0-11 pts.

**PASS:** 0-5 pts.  
or 0-11 & no long suit

**Note:** Open longer minor  
With 3-3, open 1♣  
With 4-4, open 1♦

**Hand #4 (2-1):**

North (D)

Bidding:

1NT-P-3NT-P-P-P

1NT-2♠-P-P-X-P-3NT-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ A 7		
North	♥ K 5 2		
	♦ A K Q J		
	♣ 6 5 4 2		
♠ 8 4 3 2		♠ K Q J 10 9	
♥ Q J 10 4		♥ A 9 6	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ 5 3	
♣ 10 8		♣ 9 7 3	
	♠ 6 5		
	♥ 8 7 3		
	♦ 9 7 6 2		
	♣ A K Q J		

Lead: ♠K

Count Winners, Finesse at end

**Hand #5 (2-2):**

East (D)

Bidding:

1♦-P-1NT-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ 10 7 4		
East	♥ K J 9 5 2		
	♦ K 9		
	♣ J 9 3		
♠ Q 3 2		♠ A K J 5	
♥ 7 4 3		♥ A 8 6	
♦ 8 5 3		♦ Q 6 4 2	
♣ A K 7 4		♣ 8 5	
	♠ 9 8 6		
	♥ Q 10		
	♦ A J 10 7		
	♣ Q 10 6 2		

Lead: ♥5

Count Winners, Tempo

Hand #6 (2-3):

South (D)

Bidding:

P-P-1♣-P-1♠-P-2♠-P-P-P

P-P-1♣-1♦-1♠-2♦-2♠-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ A 7 6 4				
South	♥ K 8 3				
	♦ J 5 2				
	♣ A Q 8				
♠ 8 2		♠ 9 3			
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♦ A 9 4		♦ K Q 7 6 3			
♣ J 7 3 2		♣ 10 6 5			
	♠ K Q J 10 5				
	♥ 7 4 2				
	♦ 10 8				
	♣ K 9 4				

Lead: ♥Q or ♦A (if overcalled)

Count LOSERS, Finesse